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SUBJECT: SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR KARABURCAK, REPRESENTING COUNTRY WHICH CHAIRS NINE-NATION UN COMMITTEE ON UNRWA FUNDING, CALLED REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES OF COMMITTEE TO MEETING SEPT. 28. KARABURCAK REPORTED ON HIS EFFORTS TO GET GOS TO INCREASE UNRWA CONTRIBUTION AND SOUGHT ADVICE ON NEXT MOVES VIS-A-VIS GOS.

2. AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD TWICE APPROACHED MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS (WACHMEISTER) IN LAST TWO MONTHS, URGING INCREASE IN SWEDISH UNRWA CONTRIBUTION. HE SAID WACHMEISTER HAD NOTED THAT GOS HAD INCREASED CONTRIBUTION FROM \$3 MILLION IN 1972 TO \$3.7 MILLION IN 1973. WACHMEISTER SAID GOS HAD DECIDED TO MAINTAIN CONTRIBUTION AT SAME LEVEL FOR FISCAL 1974. AMBASSADOR SAID WACHMEISTER HAD NOT BEEN MOVED BY ARGUMENTS FOR AN INCREASE.

3. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED KARABURCAK CALL ON FORNMINISTER OR STATE SECRETARY ASTROM, THANK HIM FOR PLEDGE OF SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION IN FISCAL 1974 AND
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EXPRESS HOPE AMOUNT CAN BE RAISED. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION

SENSE OF THE MEETING WAS THAT TURKISH AMBASSADOR ACT ON
LEBANESE SUGGESTION, THAT HE MAKE PITCH TO ASTROM IN THE
ABSENCE OF WICKMAN AT UNGA, AND THAT HE DRAW ATTENTION
TO GOS INTENTION TO INCREASE ITS FOREIGN AID BUDGET
SUBSTANTIALLY NEXT YEAR, EXPRESSING HOPE THIS WILL
PERMIT A RISE IN UNRWA CONTRIBUTION.
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